Pollution around Taj

237. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1st day of 350th Anniversary of Taj Mahal on 27th September, 2004 experienced suspended particulate matters (SPM) level in air at 317.75 micro grams per cubic metre, move than three times of permitted level;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to avoid pollution around Taj Mahal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of food parks

†238. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food parks targeted to be set up during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of food parks established so far, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to sanction food parks during the current financial year for those State where no food parks are established so far; and

(d) if so, the names of places in Uttaranchal where such food parks are targeted to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food parks on its own but provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to various implementing agencies, for creation of common facilities in Food Parks. During the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Ministry has approved 18 food parks so far. During the Tenth Plan period, 25 food parks are targeted to be assisted.

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